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BODY

TAGS: KPOW, MOPS, PREL, PHUM, RS
SUBJECT: POW/MIA: REINTERVIEW OF COLONEL
DERSKIY.

REF A) MOSCOW 30801 B) MOSCOW 31857

1. SUMMARY. TASK FORCE RUSSIA TEAM MEMBERS TRAVELLED TO UKRAINE, OCTOBER 20-27, 1993. MEMBERS REINTERVIEWED COLONEL(RET) GREGORY PAVLOVICH DER8KIY WITH QUESTIONS BASED ON THOSE PROVIDED BY THE JCSB. DERSKIY PROVIDED A RECAPITULATION OF PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED DATA AND SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ALLEGED TRANSFER OF U.S. AVIATOR POWS FROM NORTH KOREA, INCLUDING REFERENCES TO TWO AMERICAN PILOTS OF WHOM HE HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY SPOKEN. A VIDEOTAPE OF THE FULL INTERVIEW WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE JCSB. END SUMMARY.

BACKGROUND

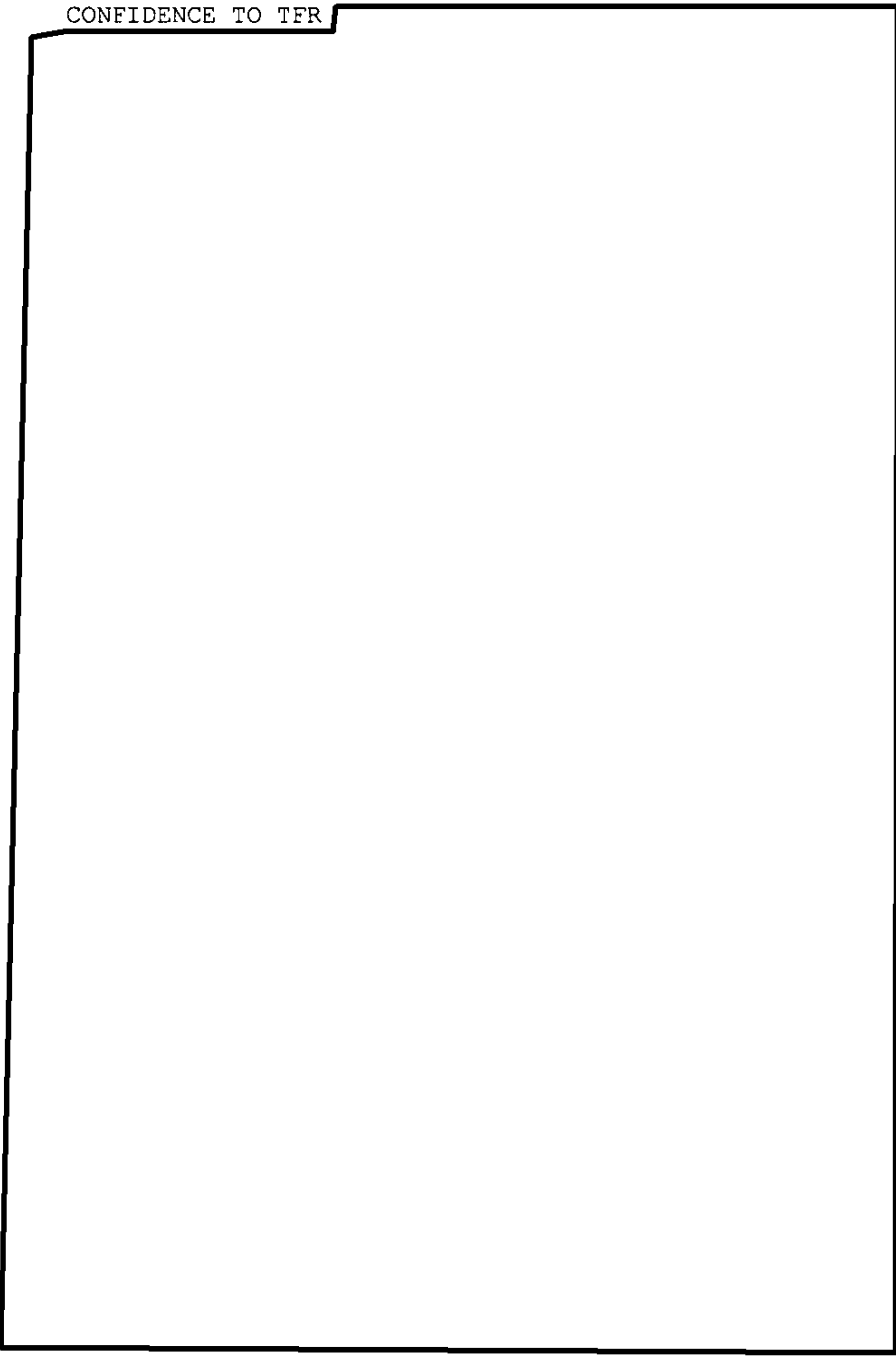
2. TFR MEMBERS TABACH AND GROH TRAVELED TO KIEV, UKRAINE, OCTOBER 20-27, 1993. COLONEL DERSKIY WAS PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED BY TFR ON SEPTEMBER 17, 1993 (REFTEL A) AND AGAIN ON SEPTEMBER 23, 1993 (REFTEL B).

A SECOND PILOT

3. DERSKIY SAID THAT, WHILE STAYING IN A HOTEL IN MUKDEN, CHINA, DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1950, ON TWO OCCASIONS HE SAW AN AMERICAN PILOT WHO WAS DRAWING AIRCRAFT PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE SOVIETS. DERSKIY WAS NOT SURE IF THE PILOT WAS RECRUITED OR HAD VOLUNTEERED TO WORK FOR THE SOVIETS. ACCORDING TO A SOVIET PILOT WITH WHOM DERSKIY TALKED AT THE TIME, THE AMERICAN PILOT WAS DRAWING UP PLANS AND CREATING AN ENTIRE ALBUM OF AMERICAN AIRCRAFT. THE AMERICAN PILOT MOVED AROUND FREELY, BUT ALWAYS UNDER SOVIET ESCORT. DERSKIY SAID THE PILOT WAS 24-25 YEARS OLD AND SLIM, BUT HE DOESN'T REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT HE LOOKED LIKE. DERSKIY SAID THAT HE OBSERVED SOVIET PILOTS IN CHINESE UNIFORMS CONVERSING WITH THE AMERICAN PILOT WHO WAS DRESSED IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES - A GREENISH CHINESE SUIT AND BROWN SHOES. DER8KIY SAID THAT ON THIS OCCASION HE HIMSELF BRIEFLY CONVERSED WITH THE PILOT. ON THE SECOND OCCASION, DERSKIY AGAIN BRIEFLY SAW THE SAME PILOT WALK BY DRESSED IN A CHINESE UNIFORM, AGAIN ACCOMPANIED BY SOVIET PILOTS.

A THIRD PILOT

4. THE INFORMATION IN THIS PARAGRAPH WAS GIVEN IN
CONFIDENCE TO TFR



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5. DERSKIY PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING RESPONSES TO
THE REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

A. DESCRIBE THE GRU DIRECTIVE CONCERNING THE F-
84/86 PILOTS:

DERSKIY STATES THAT HE DID NOT SEE THE DIRECTIVE HIMSELF. THE DIRECTIVE CAME FROM THE GENERAL STAFF IN MOSCOW. THE ONLY THING HE RECEIVED WAS THE ORDER FROM GEN SHTYKOV, WHO EXPLAINED THE DIRECTIVE TO HIM AND ASKED HIM TO SEE THAT F-86 PILOTS NOT BE MISTREATED SO THAT SOVIET PILOTS AND DESIGN ENGINEERS COULD TALK TO THEM. THE UNDERLYING IDEA WAS TO NOT HARM OR SHOOT THESE PILOTS SO THEY WERE IN GOOD CONDITION TO BE TRANSFERRED TO CHINA FOR EXPLOITATION, WHERE THE SPECIALISTS WHO WERE TO INTERROGATE THEM WERE LOCATED. THE MAIN INTEREST WAS F-84/86 PILOTS.

B. TO WHOM DID DERSEKIY REPORT? DERSEKIY REPORTED TO THE PRIMORSKIY MILITARY DISTRICT AT USSURIISK. HE SAID HE HAD NO CONNECTION WHATSOEVER WITH Khabarovsk.

C. WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE PROGRAM TO TRANSPORT AMERICAN PILOTS AND WHO WAS CHARGED WITH THE EXECUTION OF THAT PROGRAM? "I DON'T KNOW."

D. ANDREYKO. DERSEKIY THINKS THAT ANDREYKO WAS A CIVILIAN. HE THINKS HE WAS BRITISH BECAUSE ANDREYKO HAD A PICTURE OF HIMSELF WITH TWO OTHER PEOPLE IN FRONT OF A PORTRAIT OF CHURCHILL. WHEN DERSEKIY ASKED HIM WHY HE HAD THE PICTURE, ANDREYKO'S REPLY WAS "WHICHEVER GOD WE PRAY TO IS THE GOD THAT WE SERVE." DERSEKIY SAID THAT ANDREYKO SPOKE RUSSIAN WITHOUT A FOREIGN ACCENT. THE VARIOUS DOCUMENTS ANDREYKO CARRIED WERE IN BOTH ENGLISH AND RUSSIAN. ANDREYKO HAD A LARGE AMOUNT OF DOLLARS AND BRITISH POUNDS. DERSEKIY DESCRIBES ANDREYKO AS 37.40 YEARS OLD, CHESTNUT HAIR, WELL DRESSED IN DARK GREY SHIRT AND A GREY SUIT. THE TRANSFER STATION FOR ANDREYKO'S DISPATCH TO THE USSR WAS MUNSHAUN NEAR PIN YANG. DERSEKIY DOES NOT REMEMBER EXACT TIME OF ANDREYKO'S TRANSFER, ALTHOUGH HE RECALLS THAT IT WAS DURING THE FALL OF SEOUL. THE ORDER TO TRANSPORT ANDREYKO TO MOSCOW CAME FROM SHTYKOV. THE AIRFIELD IN THE SOVIET UNION WHERE ANDREYKO WAS TAKEN WAS LOCATED NEAR THE SOVIET-CHINESE-KOREAN BORDER. DERSEKIY SAID THAT THE AMERICANS BOMBED THIS AIRFIELD ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. DERSEKIY SURMISED THAT AMERICANS KNEW THAT THAT PARTICULAR AIRFIELD WAS WHERE THE TRANSFERS TOOK PLACE TO FLY POWS TO MOSCOW. COMMENT: THIS CONTRADICTS INFORMATION GIVEN EARLIER BY DERSEKIY REGARDING "NO FLIGHTS" FOR TRANSFERRING POWS.

E. DEAN. DERSEKIY DESCRIBES DEAN AS 175 CM, 82-84 KG, ABOUT 40 YEARS OLD SUN-TANNED, SHORT BLACK HAIR, DARK-BROWN EYES. DERSEKIY SAID THAT DEAN WAS DRESSED IN A GENERAL'S UNIFORM. DERSEKIY SAID THAT ORIGINALLY POWS WERE TO BELONG TO THE KOREANS WITH NO SOVIET INVOLVEMENT, BUT BECAUSE OF KOREAN

INEXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH POWS, THE SOVIETS
CREATED A QUESTIONNAIRE TO BE GIVEN TO POWS.
DERSKIY SAID THAT DEAN WAS TREATED DIFFERENTLY

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THAN OTHER POWS BECAUSE HE WAS A GENERAL. DERSKIY
RECEIVED THE ORDER TO TRANSFER DEAN TO MOSCOW
THROUGH SHYKOV. DERSKIY DOES NOT REMEMBER HOW
LONG DEAN WAS KEPT IN SEOUL, BUT REMEMBERED THAT
DEAN WAS IN PIN YANG FOR ABOUT 4 DAYS. DERSKIY
LEARNED THAT DEAN WAS TRANSFERRED TO MOSCOW
THROUGH A CONVERSATION WITH SHYKOV. HE CANNOT,
HOWEVER, UWEQUIVOCALLY SAY THAT DEAN WAS
TRANSFERRED TO MOSCOW. DERSKIY PRODUCED AN OLIVE
DRAB ARMY-ISSUE PLASTIC FLASHLIGHT THAT HE ALLEGES
DEAN GAVE HIM. THE INITIALS "B.K." ARE SCRATC
HED
ON THE SIDE OF THE FLASHLIGHT.

F. THE F-84 PILOT. DERSKIY SAID THE F-84 PILOT
WAS DRESSED IN A FLIGHT SUIT. THE PILOT CRASHED
IN A RICE FIELD NEAR THE ROAD THAT STRETCHES
BETWEEN PIN YANG AND SINGISYU. DERSKIY SAW NO
OPEN WOUNDS ON THE PILOT. DERSKIY SAID THAT AN
ORDER CAME FROM SHYKOV TO PACK UP THE PLANE, LOAD
IT ON A TRUCK AND SEND IT TO CHINA. DERSKIY SAID
THAT AFTER THE AIRCRAFT WAS LOADED ONTO A TRUCK,
HE SAID GOOD-BYE TO THE PILOT AND ASSURED HIM OF
HIS SAFETY. DERSKIY SAID THAT THIS SHOOTDOWN
OCCURRED IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER 1950. DERSKIY
ESTIMATED THE PILOT'S AGE AT 23-24 YEARS.

6. TASK FORCE RUSSIA SENDS. PICKERING

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